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7       UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
8       WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9       AT TACOMA

10      UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
11                          Plaintiff,  
12                          v.  
13      DEVIN CONRAD MERRILL,  
14                          Defendant

15                          NO. CR24-5056-BHS

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17                          **FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

18      THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for a Final  
19      Order of Forfeiture ("Motion") for the following property ("Subject Property"):

- 20                  a.     One Dell laptop;  
21                  b.     One Passport external hard drive;  
22                  c.     One Samsung SDD; and  
23                  d.     One Samsung cell phone.

24      The Court, having reviewed the United States' Motion, as well as the other  
25      pleadings and papers filed in this matter, hereby FINDS entry of a Final Order of  
26      Forfeiture is appropriate for the following reasons:  
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1       1. On April 14, 2025, the Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture  
 2 finding the Subject Property forfeitable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2428(a), and forfeiting the  
 3 Defendant's interest in it, Dkt. No. 41;

4       2. Thereafter, the United States published notice of the pending forfeitures as  
 5 required by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure ("Fed. R.  
 6 Crim. P.") 32.2(b)(6)(C) (Dkt. No. 50), and sent direct notice, by means reasonably  
 7 calculated to reach them, to two identified potential claimants, as required by Fed. R.  
 8 Crim. P. Rule 32.2(b)(6)(A) and Supplemental Rule G(4)(b)(iii)–(v) of the Supplemental  
 9 Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, *see* Declaration of AUSA Jehiel I.  
 10 Baer in Support of Motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture ("Baer Decl.") ¶¶ 2–3,  
 11 Exhibit A; and

12       3. The time for filing third-party petitions has expired, and no such petitions  
 13 were filed claiming an interest in the Subject Property.

14           NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

15       1. No right, title, or interest in the Subject Property exists in any party other  
 16 than the United States;

17       2. The Subject Property is fully and finally condemned and forfeited, in its  
 18 entirety, to the United States; and

19       3. The United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of  
 20 Investigation, and/or their representatives, are authorized to dispose of the Subject  
 21 Property as permitted by governing law.

22           IT IS SO ORDERED.

23           DATED this 9th day of July, 2025.

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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
 United States District Judge

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